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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT RABAT

1. THE OPPOSITION ISTIQLAL PARTY FRENCH LANGUAGE DAILY L'OPINION FRIDAY OCTOBER ELEVENTH SAID EDITORIALY THAT THE CURRENT MIDDLE EAST TRIP OF SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL PRODUCE NOTHING OTHER THAN A DELAY IN A SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDEAST QUESTION IN AN ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT ARAB UNITY.

THE EDITORIAL SAYS IN PART"... THE NEW TRIP HAS NO GOAL OTHER THAN TO TAKE SOUNDINGS, AND TO ASSESS THE INTENTIONS OF ARAB LEADERS,... PARTICULARLY CONCERNING THE PALESTINE QUESTION, WITHOUT IGNORING THE QUESTION OF OIL... THE NEW ENERGY MEASURES PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT FOR EQUIVOCALLY SHOW THE UNITED STATES IS IN A DIFFICULT POSITION... IF THE PREVIOUS KISSINGER TRIPS WERE UNDERTAKEN IN A CLIMATE OF OPTIMISM WHICH PRODUCED SOME HOPES, THE CURRENT TRIP TAKES PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF HEAVY PESSIMISM HEIGHTENED BY MANY FACTORS. THESE INCLUDE THE RECENT DEIPLOMATIC FAILURES OF THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE... THE THREATS VOICED BY PRESIDENT FORD AND THE SECRETARY HIMSELF AGAINST THE ARAB OIL PRODUCING STATES, AS WELL AS THE AMBIGUITY OF THE AMERICAN STAND TOWARD THE PALESTINE PROBLEM AND THE UP-COMING DISCUSSION BY THE

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U.N. OF THAT QUESTION... WE MUST NOT EXPECT SEPECTACULAR

RESULTS FROM THE SEVENTH TRIP. IT COMES AT A TIME WHEN THE ARABS ARE VERY STRONG POLITICALLY, ECONOMICALLY AND MILITARY AND MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER TO RECAPTURE THE TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL...

SHEIKH YAMANI OF SAUDI ARABIA RECENTLY RECALLED THAT IF A NEW WAR BROKE OUT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE NEIGHBORING ARAB STATES KING FEISAL WOULD NOT HESITATE TO REIMPOSE AN EMBARGO ON OIL DESTINED FOR THE U.S. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT MANY AN ARAB OIL PRODUCING STATE WOULD JOIN THIS EMBARGO. THE U.S. CAN NOT FIGHT THIS MEASURE.NEUMANN

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